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Apparatus and Methods for Verifying the Location of Areas of Interest

within a Sample in an Imaging System

FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, Applicants hereby make of record the references listed on the accompanying PTO Form 1449 for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of the references are enclosed.

<u>REMARKS</u>

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97, this statement is being filed (CHECK ONE):

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		the requisite Statement is below, OR
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		Applicant hereby Petitions the Commissioner to accept and consider the attached Information Disclosure Statement, AND
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the requisite petition fee due under Rule 1.17(i)(I), namely \$130.00 is included herein.

It is respectfully requested that each of the references shown on the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of record in this application.

STATEMENT

As required under §1.97(e), Applicants, through the undersigned, hereby state either that [check the appropriate space]:

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